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KARMAL DELIVERS MESSAGE ON OCCASION OF 'ID AL-FITR

LD122228 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Babrak Karmal message on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr at the mosque of Revolution Council headquarters, 12 August--live]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the merciful and compassionate.

Dear compatriots, the toiling and Muslim people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA]. Allow me on behalf of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, the Revolution Council and the DRA Government and on my own behalf to congratulate you and express my best wishes on the occasion of the coming of 'Id al-Fitr, to you noble and religious people of the country and to all the fraternal people of the Islamic countries and wish prosperity and progress to you noble people of Afghanistan and the Muslim people of the world.

The determination of our noble, toiling, pure and freedom-loving people on the bright future road of our country is faced with the savage strength of imperialism and reaction, which is making use of terrorism, under the holy name of Islam, but which is in reality contrary to the sacred religion of Islam. They are placing obstacles in the way of our fraternal, Islamic, prosperous and peace-loving compatriots with destruction, killing of Muslims and their naked and treacherous interference in the internal affairs of our country. They want to drag our people into misfortune and ruin.

Compatriot sisters and brothers, the 'Id message, in addition to its religious parts, also has this social merit: It invites toiling Muslims with pride, sincerity and common beliefs to be reconciled, become friends and express solidarity. I hope that in view of this glowing fact, the friendship, unity and solidarity of our people will be strengthened and in an atmosphere of peace and happiness our people will pass these auspicious days.

We totally support the revolutionary and anti-imperialist struggles of the fraternal Iranian people and condemn the treacherous and shameless conspiracies of the remnants of SAVAK and the hopes of the Pahlavis and world-devouring U.S. imperialism against the Islamic Republic of Iran and its people.

To conclude, once more I congratulate at this auspicious moment all the brave and courageous people of Afghanistan, Pashtun and Baluchi brothers and all the toiling Muslims of the world, including the fraternal and neighboring people of Iran and Pakistan and wish them prosperity and happiness.

Long live the unity of fraternal Muslims against reaction, imperialism, Zionism, and Chinese chauvinism.

Long live peace and friendship of the people of the world.

May the free and independent DRA flag be raised.

Long live the fraternal, toiling and Muslim people of heroic and revolutionary Afghanistan.

Long live the toiling Muslim people of the world.

May the 'Id al-Fitr of the world Muslim be a prosperous one.

Dear countrymen, I hope you will spend the prosperous days of 'Id al-Fitr in happiness, in accordance with traditions, full of peace and reconciliation.

SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH USSR

LD130152 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] The protocol for scientific and technical cooperation between the Ministry of Higher Education and Training of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA] and the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of the USSR was signed this afternoon at the Ministry of Higher Education and Training in Kabul.

The protocol was signed for Afghanistan by Assistant Professor Gol Dad, the minister of higher education and training, and for the USSR by Nikolay Nikolayevich Sofinskiy, deputy minister of higher and secondary specialized education of that country, and the related documents have been exchanged.

At the signing ceremony of this protocol, Mahmud Barialay [Karmal's brother], member of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee, member of the Revolution Council and chairman of the international relations commission of the PDPA Central Committee; Professor Dr 'Abdol Wahed Sarabi, the consultant of the Ministry of Higher Education and Training; some party cadres; representatives of the Foreign Ministry, planning, higher education and training; some members of the USSR Embassy in Kabul; and the entourage of the deputy minister of higher and secondary specialized education of that country were present.

On the basis of this protocol the Afghan authorities, until the beginning of October 1980, will make use of the 1,500 scholarships that are given by the USSR for the training of Afghans in the institutes of higher education in the USSR and will send students in specified fields to that country. In return [as heard] it will be asked of the USSR to send 43 lecturers to the Polytechnic Institute of Kabul to teach general technical and professional fields and social sciences at the University of Kabul beginning with February of 1981.

Both signatories of this protocol have agreed that from the beginning of October 1980 the training for (?strain theory) could be started and [words indistinct] after their entrance examinations could enroll in their specified fields. Similarly, the Afghan authorities starting at the beginning of September 1980, from all the allocated annual scholarships, will send 10 graduates in technical fields to the USSR to study at the higher education institutes of the USSR for the purpose of becoming lecturers. The USSR authorities will receive them. Similarly, in accordance with this protocol, assistance will be given by the USSR authorities for the purpose of learning the Russian language at the higher institute of agriculture and the institute of administration and accounting.

Similarly, both sides have agreed that the USSR authorities will, until the beginning of October of 1980, put at the disposal of the Afghan authorities the best samples of USSR textbooks as needed by Kabul University. It has also been agreed that up to the beginning of January 1981, necessary steps will be taken to review and confirm plans and educational programs in all the specified fields of the University of Kabul. Both sides have agreed to the extension of [word indistinct] and have decided that the number of preparatory faculty entrants will be in accordance with the number of scholarships which will be put at the disposal of the DRA by the USSR.

The Afghan authorities have shown interest in the experience of the USSR in establishing workers faculties [as heard] in the first years after the October Revolution as an effective way of attracting worker youths and peasants for the purpose of education and have shown their readiness to take necessary steps toward establishing such faculties. Similarly, in accordance with this protocol, both sides have considered the establishment of the institute for learning the Russian language under the name of (Forshinga) in the city of Kabul and the Afghan side has shown its readiness to provide the building and personnel for this institute.

SECOND 'VOLUNTARY' GROUP LEAVES FOR BATTLEFRONT

ID122020 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] As is known to all, the third People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] Central Committee plenum, following a scientific analysis of the present situation in the country, decided that all progressive and patriotic forces of the country should take part in the total elimination of the (?imperialist) counterrevolutionary bands. At the front of these determined forces are the PDPA members who are the torch bearers of the Sawr Revolution and its new developmental stage and who are taking up the face to face struggle against the revolution's internal Muslims [as heard] and their international masters.

Putting into practice the resolutions of the third PDPA Central Committee plenum, the second voluntary group, comprising fighting members of the PDPA and nonparty, brave and patriotic countrymen who have received military training and have been prepared for battle following the third Central Committee plenum, left this morning with a militant feeling for the battlefront in order to totally eliminate the counterrevolutionary bands in league with world imperialism, to defend our revolutionary and heroic country against the imperialist aggression, to defend the lofty objectives of the workers, to defend the lofty objectives of the Sawr Revolution and its new developmental stage, to accomplish an atmosphere of peace and security for the workers, and to remove any obstacles in the way of the development of our dear country, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

On this occasion engineer 'Abdozzohur Razmjoy, member of the PDPA Central Committee, member of the Revolution Council and secretary of the Kabul city committee, and Lt Col Nur Mohammad [name indistinct], general director of security, made speeches. 'Addozzohur Razmjoy said: Dear comrades, following the third PDPA Central Committee plenum, I am proud that today the second voluntary group of party and nonparty members, welcoming the third plenum's resolutions, is leaving for the battlefront to fight the enemies of religion and of the country and to defend the gains of the Khalq revolution for the advantage of the Khalq revolution and of the country. The party and nonparty comrades who have volunteered to go to the battlefronts are the best example of heroism, patriotism and faithfulness to the achievement of the aims of the revolution. They are fighting for the bright future of the heroic sons of our society.

Sources of the Kabul city and provincial committee have said that in order to better arrange the affairs of this group, Hashmat Awrang, assistant secretary [organization not specified] and Dr Hashim Makhloq, member of the justice and defense committees of agriculture [as heard], are also included in the group of volunteers.

We remind you that the first group of volunteers to defend the revolution were sent to another battlefront a few days ago.

DEFEAT OF 'COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY' FORCES REPORTED

LD121828 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Excerpts] Thanks to the unreserved help of the persecuted people of our homeland and heroic sacrifice of the armed forces and police, revolutionary resistance groups, and party members, a large number of counterrevolution groups which disrupted the peace of our Muslim and toiling people with their subversive acts and committed acts of terrorism and highway robbery in the country's northern provinces were partly captured and partly eliminated.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Sheberghan, the center of Jowzjan Province: Twenty members of a group of these elements who embarked on terrorism and crimes against the peace and confort of the toiling people in Sar-e Pol district of that province were captured and a number were crushed and eliminated on 10 August by the security forces, including four of the ringleaders of this criminal group, whose identities are: Haji Qader; Haji 'Abdol Ahad; village headman Samad; and (Rostam). A source in Sar-e Pol district said that 13 rifles, over 2,000 bullets, 43 horses and a number of authentic documents were seized from these thieves and robbers.

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Qonduz that a 12-man group of highway robbers who persecuted the toiling people of that province have been eliminated, following an exchange of fire with security and party forces in the Jar-e Khoshk of Qonduz Province on 9 and 10 August. The notorious ringleader of this terrorist band, Rasul (Qorka), was also killed during this clash.

A relevant source from Qonduz added: Similarly, 14 highway robbers were eliminated in 'Azizabad village; and, a number of traitorous counterrevolution elements were killed following armed resistance in the vicinity of the Baghlan petrol pumping station while several weapons were seized from them by the security forces.

According to another report, a number of thieves and criminals were arrested redhanded during a raid on the wheat storage area of Khanabad by an operation group and were handed over to legal authorities.

Another report from Taloqan indicates that 26 thieves and highway robbers were eliminated in Takhar Province and 14 weapons, a machinegun and a large quantity of munitions were seized from them.

According to a BAKHTAR correspondent's report from Mazar-e Sharif, a 22-man group of criminal and traitorous elements which was involved in destruction and counterrevolution activities with the instigation of international imperialism and regional reaction in the Sholgera district of Balkh Province was arrested yesterday while in possession of 29 hand-grenades, 1 rifle and a number of bullets.

BBC REPORTS TIGHTENING OF SECURITY IN KABUL

TA121533 London BBC World Service in English 1500 GMT 12 Aug 80

[From "Radio Newsreel"]

[Text] Reports reaching Delhi from neighboring Afghanistan suggest there has been a marked tightening of security in and around the capital, Kabul, during the past few days. There are speculations that the measures coincide with the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Sathis Jacobs sent us this report from Delhi:

[Begin Jacobs recording] According to reliable sources in Delhi, there has been a marked tightening of security in and around Kabul over the last few days, with troops and police regularly stopping and searching vehicles by day and night. It was thought that this could be an attempt to control the movement of arms into Kabul during the 'Id [al-Fitr] holidays to celebrate the end of the fasting month of Ramadan. The holidays will last for 4 days beginning from today.

The sources also reported an insurgent attack earlier this week just outside Kabul in which they say the Muslim rebels destroyed a school, a hospital and a power station. The attack is said to have taken place in a village called Mohammad Zayyid, 6 miles south of Kabul. The same sources describe the situation in Herat town as chaotic, with frequent street battles both by day and night between Afghan troops and the Muslim rebels. They say the whole town is virtually in the hands of bands of rebels. These bands, they say, are for the most part disorganized. They arouse resentment among the local inhabitants by extorting money and supplies under threat. There has been little sign of any Russians within Herat, but their forces are concentrated around the city. Their main concern seems to be the security of their supply route running north to south. [end recording]

L'HUMANITE: MEDIA LYING ABOUT AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS

LD121053 Paris L'HUMANITE in French 6 Aug 80 p 5

[Unattributed report: "Untrue and Again Untrue"]

[Text] "No Soviet general has been assassinated in Kabul. Nothing has happened in Ghazni." This is the official denial given by the Afghan Foreign Ministry which we questioned following "reports" published by AFP and cited by the whole of the printed press, radio and television. Once again the reports were untrue.

From LE FIGARO to LE MONDE via LE MATIN and LIBERATION, there was a wealth of headlines followed by extremely detailed commentaries. It was as if they had been there. They gave the makes of automobiles and everything. There were no grammatical precautions or use of the conditional tense. The Soviet general's Volga was hit by a Volkswagen coming from the opposite direction "and, as the officer was trying to get out a shot was fired, killing him outright." If the truth is not always conceivable, what is conceivable is not always true. Imaginary "details" cannot turn a lie into the truth. However, it is very convincing to the reader.

This applies to the city of Ghazni where, according to the same AFP special envoy, the Afghan Army's 14th Division rebelled 24 July and deserted its barracks. LE MONDE, LE MATIN, LE FIGARO and the others write that the Soviet air force then "bombed Ghazni and the surrounding villages." The Afghan foreign minister has stated in a telegram that nothing happened at Ghazni.

Everybody remembers how, at the end of July, Education Minister Anahita Ratebzad was "assassinated" for several days in the French press. This continued until the Kabul government was informed and denied the "report." Since then Anahita Ratebzao has appeared alive and well at rallies and meetings.

Argentine journalist Francois Lepot, special envoy from the Buenos Aires newspaper CLARIN, has just visited all the villages around Kabul which LE MONDE mentioned as having been razed to the ground by bombs. There is no trace of any bombing.... However, this has not discouraged the liemongers. They are continuing to do what is expected of them, namely discrediting the Afghan Government.

FUNCTION MARKS 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDO-SOVIET TREATY

BK121358 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] The 9th anniversary of the Indo-Soviet treaty for peace was celebrated at a function in New Delhi this afternoon. On this occasion Deputy Chairman of the Supreme Soviet Makhamadula Kholov, now on a visit to India, was also present.

Minister for Information and Broadcasting Vasant Sathe, in his inaugural address, recalled the long-standing ties between India and the Soviet Union and described the treaty as a landmark in this sphere.

While reciprocating the sentiments, Kholov narrated the background in which his country had to send its troops to Afghanistan. He said they will be withdrawn as soon as the climate of peace is established in that country.

PRESIDENT REDDY MAKES INDEPENDENCE DAY ADDRESS

BK121519 Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English 1436 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] Following is the text of the message to the nation by President N. Sanjiva Reddy broadcast by All India Radio on the eve of Independence Day [15 August]:

"We celebrate tomorrow the 33d anniversary of our independence. It is a happy occasion when we look back with pride at the blessings of our freedom. It is also a sobering moment for taking a critical look at the gaps in our perceptions and performance so that we can benefit from past mistakes and face the future with greater confidence.

"As the largest democracy in the world, we have by and large managed to run our parliamentary system with considerable success despite the continuing strains. But we have yet to learn the hard way through trial and error how to give a matching social dimension to the economic progress made since independence. Though the planning process has become a part and parcel of modern economic growth, we have to contend with the reality that it has so far benefited mainly the upper strata of our society without the fruits of development reaching the poorer sections adequately. The social ferment fomented by growing inequality has led to serious law and order situations with an increasing tendency to resort to violence to ventilate the slightest grievance.

"After the uncertainties of last year, there is now a stable single-party government at the centre with substantial majority in Parliament. However, the stability of a government does not depend on its numerical strength alone, but also on its ability to carry the whole nation with it on all important issues. It requires the capacity to assess and harness the national consensus by cutting across political barriers, rising above party politics and taking an elevated view of national problems. Success in a parliamentary democracy lies in giving the people a sense of close identification and a feeling of involvement in the functioning of it.

"The opposition has also a crucial role to play in the working of our democratic system. It has no doubt the right to question the policies and actions of the government. However, a credible distinction has to be kept up between legitimate dissent and denunciation. We have to establish sound traditions and conventions and learn to respect the basic postulates of our political life.

"The nation remains tormented by the thought that something is missing in the Indian polity, giving the people a feeling of growing alienation from our socio-economic dispensation. The rising prices and increasing disparities, making the rich much richer and the poor still poorer, are widening the gulf between the few haves thriving on the miseries of the have nots and the deprived masses left with little hope of any better life in the foreseeable future. The irony of our agricultural surpluses has been that the really needy sections of the people do not have enough money to buy the foodgrains available. The population explosion that has added enormously to the country's economic burdens and social pressures has led to greater unemployment. No matter what we do to create more work, the heavy backlog of jobless millions will keep on increasing until we are able to revive our rural economy and reorient our approach to development.

"We are thus passing through a difficult phase which may lead to class conflicts if we do not take timely steps to avert them. The only sensible way out of this predicament is through an orderly social transformation based on a balance of sacrifice to make life more liveable for the great majority of our people below the poverty line. The attempt to infuse undue political overtones into what is essentially a human problem has tended to divert attention from the real dimensions of Indian poverty to extraneous agitations. The country is in quest of a more sustainable social equilibrium. I have every hope that we will be able to emerge form this flux with greater faith in our system if we adhere to the Gandhian tenets of tolerance and compassion.

"When I assumed office as president, I pleaded for harmonising touch to heal the old wounds of discord, and I shall continue to exercise my moderating influence to persuade all sections of our society to adopt an equitable and enlightened approach to problems of public welfare. The government has shown great forbearance in handling the Assam agitation, and I want to make an earnest appeal to all concerned to cooperate in finding a reasonable solution without succumbing to emotions. The greatest imperative today is for a halt for such agitations, which inflame passions without opening the way for lasting solutions. The future generations will not forgive us if we fail to come to grips with more fundamental issues and dissipate our energies on endless confrontations that have no relevance to the main struggle for the eradication of poverty.

"Jai Hind."

COMMUNIST PARTY RAPS PAKISTAN FOR 'REPRESSIVE MEASURES'

BK071243 Hong Kong AFP in English 1044 GMT 7 Aug 80

[Text] New Delhi, 7 Aug (AFP)--The pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI) today strongly denounced the "repressive measures" of the Government of Pakistan against the opposition parties in that country.

In a statement here, N.K. Krishnan, secretary of the CPI National Council referred to the "largescale arrests" of political workers of various opposition parties, including the communists. The statement demanded immediate stoppage of the arrests and release of those who had already been detained.

It charged Pakistan with collusion with the U.S. and China in a conspiracy to subvert the "democratic system in Afghanistan." The statement also accused Pakistan of activating "their agent inside (Indian-held) Kashmir" to step up "subversive movements against India and against Afghanistan."

TEHRAN SAYS U.S. TO PERMIT HOSTAGE'S MOTHER TO VISIT

JN112104 Tehran International Service in Arabic 2000 GMT 11 Aug 80

[Text] AFP reports that Mrs Barbara Timm, whose son Kevin is a U.S. hostage in Tehran, has asked for the second time for permission to travel to Tehran. Mrs Timm's lawyer declared that the U.S. Government has approved the visit by Mrs Timm on two conditions: First, the trip must be devoid of all forms of propaganda and, second, Mrs Timm must not discuss the issue of the hostages' trial.

Mrs Timm visited Iran last April to see her son. She criticized Carter's decision on the abortive U.S. military operation to free the hostages in Iran.

OFFICIAL SPEAKS ON PLANNED VISIT TO BRAZIL, TRADE DEALS

LD121509 Tehran KEYHAN in Persian 9 Aug 80 p 1

[Unattributed report: "Iranian Delegation Goes to Brazil To Buy Sugar and General Supplies"]

[Text] Dr Morteza Movahedi-Zadeh, director-general and leader of the Iranian Government's commercial delegation, has told KEYHAN that he is going to Brazil today with a delegation from the government to procure general supplies and basic goods. The talks will last 12 days and the aim is to buy sugar, corn, sesame oil, soya oil, beef and poultry.

The government trade mission is at present conducting preliminary talks with a Hungarian delegation for the purchase of 60,000 tons of steel.

On the subject of his previous journey, he said:

"On my previous journey--to Turkey--we concluded contracts for the purchase of 250,000 tons of white wheat, 100,000 tons of barley and 100,000 tons of cement.

In conclusion, he said: "A quantity of wheat, sugar, rice, barley, steel bars, sesame oil and oil have arrived at the ports of Khorramshahra, Khomeyni, Bushehr and Bandar Abbas and are now being cleared through customs.

NIOC RADIO REPORTS ON IRAQ'S COOPERATION WITH BAKHTIAR

GF121904 Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic 1820 GMT 12 Aug 80

[From "Today's Iraq Is an Erupting Volcano" program]

[Excerpts] AFP reports that Saddam Husayn has placed the front page of the reactionary newspaper ATH-THAWRAH, the mouthpiece of the Ba'th Party, at the disposal of the criminal fugitive Shahpur Bakhtiar, who has formed a front to oppose the Iranian Islamic Revolution. The purpose is to preoccupy the revolution and divert it from its correct path.

The arch-Satan is thinking of all possible ways to put an end to the mighty march of the Islamic Republic of Iran. He believes that the Islamic Revolution poses a great threat to the interests of U.S. imperialism.

The criminal Shahpur Bakhtiar receives assistance from the United States, Western imperialism and international Zionism. The arch-Satan believes that he can change the situation in the Islamic Republic to his advantage; hence the close rapproachement between the puppet, traitorous and criminal Ba'th Party and the traitors of the defunct regime.

Let Saddam Husayn know that the Muslim people of Iraq will not tolerate the corrupt clique which has sold itself to the arch-Satan and Western imperialism in order to maintain itself in power, even for a short period.

The Ba'thist trumpets spread lies against the Islamic Republic of Iran so as to divert the Iraqi people's attention away from Iraq; hence the Ba'thist criminal aggression on the border of the Islamic Republic of Iran. However, the Muslim Iranian people are repulsing these cowardly Ba'thist attacks and inflicting heavy losses on the aggressors.

Saddam Husayn, who has turned himself into a zealous guardian of the arch-Satan's interests in the Persian Gulf, is pursuing a dark path that leads to the brink of an abyss. He and the criminal Ba'th shall fall into the abyss.

'ARAFAT INVITES RAFSANJANI TO BEIRUT FOR TALKS

NC130817 Paris AFP in English 0812 GMT 13 Aug 80

[Text] Tehran, Aug. 13 (AFP)--Ayatollah Hashemi Rafsanjani, speaker of the Iranian parliament and head of the Islamic Republic Party, has been invited by the Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir 'Arafat to go to Beirut for talks on the Iranian Islamic and Palestinian revolutions, according to the official PARS NEWS AGENCY.

Mr 'Arafat's letter was delivered by Hani al-Hasan, the PLO representative in Tehran.

COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES OF AYATOLLAH KHOMEYNI

Meeting With General Fallahi

LD090352 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0230 GMT 9 Aug 80

[Text] PARS NEWS AGENCY has reported that Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, received in audience Gen Valiyollah Fallahi, the successor to the chief of the Combined Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and Colonel Katibeh, head of the second department of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, last night. During this audience a report was presented to the imam of the Islamic nation on the situation in the army.

At the conclusion of this audience, in an interview with the PARS NEWS AGENCY reporter, General Fallahi said that the summary of the country's security problems and the threats which may be directed against the country and the manner of carrying out security and precautionary measures and preparedness in order to neutralize those possible threats was brought to the attention of the imam of the Islamic nation.

He added: In other words, the fighting power of Iran's national forces vis-a-vis possible threats was assessed.

General Fallahi emphasized that from the standpoint of discipline, training and (?morale) the fighting preparedness of the land, air and naval forces, of the guards, gendarmerie and police, is so favorable as to be capable of neutralizing any extensive air and land threat.

The successor to the chief of the Combined Staff of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran noted:

Therefore, I would like to fully assure the Iranian nation, on behalf of the armed forces, that so long as the armed forces enjoy the backing of the imam and the Iranian nation, no regular land, air and naval threat from outside the country's borders will threaten our Islamic Revolution or shake the stability of our security.

(During his interview) General Fallahi said: The Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran is prepared to enlist a vast group of people as volunteers for a specific time with adequate salaries. The volunteers could then be applied to the divisional centers, as this would be aimed at strengthening the forces of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

In conclusion, he added: While issuing the necessary guidelines, Imam Khomeyni made the armed forces hopeful of the support of God and the Islamic, revolutionary nation of Iran. He also expressed satisfaction with the self-denial and self-sacrifice of the personnel in the armed forces, particularly those who are carrying out their duty on the borders, and he gave his blessings to all the soldiery of Islam.

Meeting With Government Officials

LD121122 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] According to a PARS NEWS AGENCY report, at 0925 today, Hojjat ol-Eslam va Moslemin 'Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, and the members of the Cabinet were received by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The report also says that Hojjat ol-Eslam Haj Seyyed Ahmad Khomeyni was also present at the meeting.

According to the PARS NEWS AGENCY report, Ayatollah Beheshti, the head of the Supreme Court, was also received by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at 0930 today. He congratulated the imam of the people on the auspicious 'Id al-Fitr.

Meeting With Raja'i on Cabinet

LD121130 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0930 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] At 1130 today Mr Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i visited Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr. At the end of this visit he said in an interview with the PARS NEWS AGENCY: The imam's directives are [words indistinct] the government with the people [words indistinct]. These were the best directives that the imam gave on the appointment of the members of the Cabinet of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Speech to Majles Deputies

LD130656 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2042 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Speech by Ayatollah Ruhollah Mosavi Khomeyni at meeting with Majles deputies in Jamaran on 12 August--recorded, duration of speech 30 minutes]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful: It is not only the Majles which has been transformed from being satanical to being human and Islamic.

Other government institutions--be they the armed forces or others such as the ministries--have also been changed. Now our nation can claim that it supervises everything. I remember many assemblies and I even attended some of the assemblies as a spectator. There was not one person like you in those assemblies, except, perhaps, at the time when the late Modarres was there or at the beginning when we were not there, during the first sessions when there were some members like you.

What I wish to tell you is that it would be a pity if certain things happen in the Majles which would mar the brilliant face of the Majles or which would be contrary to the existence of you gentlemen. I have to apologize for saying a few words in the form of advice. You have no need for advice, but it is merely a brotherly reminder.

In this world we can get to know ourselves, whether we belong to hell or to heaven. If our deeds are based on animosity.... [Khomeyni does not complete the sentence]. There are times when people discuss an issue. It is customary among religious students that at times their discussions result in shouting and crying; but when their debate comes to an end they are like brothers. The discussion does not become a source of animosity among them. They are two friends, yet sometimes one of them upholds one side of an issue and the other takes an opposite position. This is, in fact, an exercise, a scientific exercise which exists among religious students which makes them more capable of argumentation. Perhaps among other groups there is no such exercise and they confront one another to the point of a fight.

At the moment many topics are discussed in the Majles and in the future you will be faced with many topics which affect the nation. Everyone has a view, everyone has a judgment, everyone should discuss and talk about the issues, but in the same way that they are discussed among the religious students. The fact that I oppose you in your views and you oppose me in my views should not end up with our becoming mutual enemies. If this is so and if there is animosity among us, we should know that we belong to hell, because (this animosity will lead to disunity). However, if we are governed by faith, by brotherhood, and if the issues are discussed in a brotherly fashion and with understanding, everyone should express his views, and it is, in fact, not permissible that a person should know something but say nothing. When someone knows something he should discuss it, whether it is for or against someone, because you are people's deputies, people's trustees, and the deputies and trustees should say whatever they can and understand this when an issue is raised. However, this should not be done in a hostile fashion. It should not be in the form of argumentation and animosity. The calmer it is the better, but if sometimes one's voice is raised it does not matter. The voice that is raised by the religious student, however, is not followed by any animosity. They are two friends. Sometimes on a scholarly issue they shout at one another, but as soon as the debate is over they are the same two brothers that they were, they are friends again. It does not at all follow to say that since he had said this we are each other's enemies. The two issues are not the same. When the issues are raised, the issues are against one another; but there should be differences between the issues, not between those who discuss them. They are friends and brothers, but they should discuss the problems which are in the interest of Islam and the interests of the nation. They should investigate them as much as they can. They should express their views as much as they can; but when the Majles is over, they should be the same as the religious students who sit together and have tea together and are friends as soon as their debates terminate. It is not necessary that when someone is against the views of another person he should be his enemy as well. All of us are Muslims, all of us are believers, all of us are the inhabitants of this country and all of us wish for the well-being of this country.

Both you and we wish to promote the interests of Islam and of those who live under Islam and are under the banner of Islam; the same is true of those who are the representatives of the religious minorities and who wish to promote their interests.

Islam demands that the interests of all the people be taken into consideration, and that they be taken into consideration on an equal basis. All are inhabitants of this country. They have certain rights in this country. You are the deputies of this country and wish to render a service. Every one of you is the representative of all and every one of you should think of the interests of the whole country. The best discussions are the discussions of brothers with one another who, even if they have certain differences, solve differences in a brotherly fashion, not through hostility. Of course, I know that there are certain individuals who are very pure and detached. Most of you are like this, and I hope that all of you will be like this. I do not know all of you, but I look upon your features and see that all of you are from the same nation and the same people who live in this country. None of you has come from higher up so that you might have certain goals which are different from national and Islamic goals.

Therefore, I hope that this Majles will be able to achieve a great deal and, God willing, that it advances matters quite easily and that you cooperate with the government, with the president and with other organizations. All of you wish the same thing to be advanced. And the president, too, does not wish that this country be, God forbid, disorganized. He does not want the country to be disorganized. Neither do the Majles deputies wish the Majles [as heard] to be disorganized; because all of you belong to this country; this country is yours. A person cannot act contrary to himself. Neither the ministers who were, who are and who, God willing, will be in the future wish to.... [Khomeyni does not complete the sentence].

All of them also wish to strengthen Islam, to carry out Islamic teachings, to serve the country. All of them are united in their goals, all of them wish to advance the country, all of them wish to cut off the roots of corruption that exist in the country, all of them wish to proceed on the same path. Therefore, there is not and there should not be any animosity. If there were certain individuals who came to the Majles to implement their evil designs or goals that were in the service of the superpowers, then there would be an argument. Under such circumstances there should be a fight, because fighting against those who are conspirators, who wish to disrupt the Majles, who wish to disrupt the country, is necessary and should occur. But there is nothing like that among you. I am certain that none of you intends to disrupt the country. All of you wish to have a calm country, that your brothers in this country have a calm life, a comfortable life. All of you wish to cut off the hands of the aliens from this country--and they will be cut off, God willing. All of you wish to serve this nation. All of you belong to this population. You are not from those higher classes that know nothing of those who are lower, who know nothing about what is happening to these who are lower. You have come from among the same groups and know what is happening to the people who are in this country. You know what is happening to the slum dwellers. Your own lives are the same, perhaps with some minor differences. Therefore, what is necessary for all of us, for all of you, for the entire nation and for all those who wish to administer this country, is to have understanding of one another. If they see an issue which is not right, they should sit and discuss it, they should inquire about it, they should solve it, they should speak about it. If you notice something that is being done wrong in the Majles, you should sit and discuss and consult your friends.

I hope that, God willing, everything will be done properly and happily and that it will be a prelude for the final victory, God willing. We have no fear of the superpowers either.

At the same time that we are deprived of all the destructive weapons, nevertheless, our beliefs enable us not to be frightened, not to be afraid. When an entire nation wants something together one cannot impose upon them. Imposition is possible when not all the people want something, when they are divided. If they are divided, then it will be possible for one group to impose something upon another. But when all are united, there will be no imposition among them because there will be no room for imposition; nor will others be able to impose something upon them. No matter how strong the powers are, when they are confronted with the entire nation they will not be able to achieve anything.

Perhaps I said before that once the Soviet ambassador came to me and said: The government in Afghanistan has asked us to go there. I was not aware that they had already carried out the work and then came to tell me after the fact, and that there was no Afghan Government; they later made the government themselves. I told them that day: What you are doing is a mistake. It is possible for you to occupy a country since you are powerful. This is easy for you. You have many forces and you will go to that country, but you will not be able to harness a nation. After you arrive there, you will not succeed. You will face such difficulties that you will be paralyzed. However, they had done something and wished to tell me about it; it was not that they wanted to ask for my opinion or ask for my permission so that the Soviet Union could go and occupy an Islamic country. This is the point. When the whole nation are together, when all of them support one another, when they are each other's brothers, even if the great powers come and do whatever they want with their cannons and tanks, when they enter the country they will be digested by the nation.

Therefore, we have no fear whatsoever of these plots. The view of those who keep saying that a much greater conspiracy is being hatched and that such and such has happened from here to there is in my view not correct. There is no such conspiracy at the moment. However, one should supervise with complete vigilance. Our army, our gendarmerie, our guards corps and the entire nation--the entire nation is at the moment the army of Islam--should pay attention. They should pay attention to suspicious movements and as soon as the nation sees a suspicious movement, they should say something; whenever they notice that in a certain locality there is a movement which is not normal, that there are comings and goings in a house which are not normal, they should immediately say so, and they [presumably the security forces] should carefully control such things. Nevertheless, while all these things should be done, you should still be confident that they will not be able to do anything and that they will not be able to harm this country. Even if we imagine that all these things are possible; even if we imagine that, according to them, they killed all the mullahs and that they destroyed all the believers, what are we frightened of? We will be taken from a place like this world to a place which is better. Why should we be frightened? We shall show them our victory, but our victory will be the victory of faith. We have the same logic which existed in the early days of Islam, that if we kill them we will go to paradise, and that even if they kill us, again we will go to paradise. This is the logic of believers. The person who believes in God, the almighty, the all-blessed; the person who believes in the Koran--his logic is that he cannot lose. There is no loss on either side of the issue. If we are killed, we have changed our clothes and have put on a better suit, and if we can kill them we have expelled a [word indistinct] from the world. Therefore, we have no fear concerning anything.

Nevertheless, you should be confident that nothing will happen. The nation is Islamic and you are working for the sake of God. They are working for the sake of God. They gave so many youths who were martyred for the sake of God. It was not for anything else. It does not make sense for a person to sacrifice his young one in order to obtain a house or to get a good meal.

For the sake of God they came and sacrificed. This is what was in their minds: that we are working for the sake of God and we ask God for our recompense. None of us asks for any favor from anyone. We should work for the sake of God and should ask God, the almighty, the all-blessed, for our recompense, and God, the almighty, the all-blessed, will recompense us, either here or in the hereafter.

I hope that God will grant success to all of you. I am in truth your servant. During the few moments which are left of my life I am at your service. I beseech God to bring you to full understanding and that, God willing, he will either guide the enemies of this country and of Islam or will punish them for their deeds.

God's greetings and blessings be upon you. [Shouts of "Khomeyni is our leader, so long as there is blood in our veins," followed by Khomeyni anthem]

KHOMEYNI, BANI-SADR ADDRESS ISLAMIC AMBASSADORS

Khomeyni Speech

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[Speech by Ayatollah Khomeyni to meeting of Islamic ambassadors in Tehran on 12 August--recorded, duration 19 minutes]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful: May I congratulate all the Muslims of the world and you gentlemen who are present here on the occasion of the happy, blessed 'Id al-Fitr. And blessed may that day be when all the Islamic governments and their nations are together, when all are of one voice, when all share the same objective, when all strive to revive Islam everywhere and when all the Islamic countries become united so that they will cut off the hands of the superpowers from their countries.

And now I wish to speak to you a little about the special characteristics of this Islamic Revolution which has taken place in Iran. We wish all the Islamic countries to enjoy these special characteristics and for this meaning which has been realized in Iran to manifest itself in all the Islamic countries, and that this revolution be able to manifest itself in all the Muslim realms so that all the world's meek will be able to stand up to the arrogant, obtain their interests and rights. They should know that right can be obtained; otherwise they will not be able to obtain it.

I beg to expound the special characteristics of this revolution for the benefit of you gentlemen and of those who can hear my words so that you see for yourselves whether this state of affairs is better than those that exist elsewhere. You tell me in which Islamic and non-Islamic realms such a state of affairs exists whereby the president of the republic comes from and is in the embrace of this same people and whereby he constantly and every night goes to the various rallies and guides the people without having any fear in his heart.

We used to see during the era of the usurping government of the deposed shah that were such a person to wish to appear in any one of Tehran's streets the SAVAK operatives, before he ventured to go out, had to empty all the streets and all the houses around the streets of their people and had to place officers to guard them because the shah did not hail from the nation. He was opposing the nation.

But now the president of the republic, who is in charge, goes to every rally where he is invited and goes to every city where they request him to do so and guides the people without having the least fear in his heart.

This is because he deems the nation as his own and the nation, too, considers him as one of its own. They are brothers. The president of the republic is the brother of the smallest person who is living in Iran. And the people are all brothers and support one another. Similarly, do you know of any country where the speaker of the Majles ascends the pulpit and guides the people--and during the blessed month of Ramadan he probably ascended more than 30 pulpits and guided the people. Is there any place you know of where the president of the State Supreme Court is one of the ulema who proceeds to guide the people and where the people listen to his guidance and also where the same applies to the state prosecutor general, the interior minister and also the rest of the high-ranking personalities? I can tell you with the utmost confidence without fearing anyone, since the question of fear does not arise here, that all people are giving their support, all are brothers with one another. Where else do you know where the consultative assembly is like our Islamic Consultative Assembly?

In the past, during the era of the deposed former shah and that of the (?notorious) Reza Khan, the Majles was filled with the Dowlehs, Mamaleks, Saltanahs, Soltans, the well-to-do, the patricians, the proponents of East and West, the servants of the foreign countries. But now in our Consultative Assembly you do not find a single face which comes from this aristocratic class, from this lofty class. They are all from the same ilk as those people who walk in the midst of the bazaar and belong to the same group of people. A number of them are from among the ulema and canonists. A number of them are devout personalities and our Islamic Consultative Assembly now has (?no equal), just as the other government organs enjoy a similar position. Where else is the army so national and able to mingle with the people to such a degree that when the army mingles with the people or when the gendarmerie or the guards corops does the same the people consider them as their own and demonstrates in their favor. This is because these organs come from the same people, from the same group of people. Wherever you look you will find that all belong to the people and therefore treat the people as you can see. Where else do you know that from among the ranks of the people, without anyone's doing anything about it, so many committees, so many courts, so many guards sacrifice their blood for this country along the path of Islam, without anyone's having asked them to do so. Throughout the country this guards corps, these committees, these courts, all these people are serving the cause of Islam and this country. Where else in the world do you know where the nation is so devoted to the service of Islam, is so devoted to the service of the Islamic government, that whenever a disturbance takes place the nation itself takes the first step and renders its support?

Those who say: We want to prove our revolution not only to all the Islamic countries, but also to all those countries where the arrogant are poised against the meek, wish to bring about such a state of affairs whereby the government is not a bullying, oppressive, murderous government or the like and whereby the nation is not such as to be inimical to the government [as heard]. We wish to reconcile the nations and their governments. The governments, if they were to pay attention to and study Iran's situation and to see how the Iranian nation is situated vis-a-vis the government, I do not believe that they would not be influenced by all this. Of course, the poisoned pens abroad, the foreign pens, articles and press, the foreign mass media are all making propaganda against Iran and against the Iranian Government and nation. But you people who are within this country know what their propaganda is aimed at. This is because this nation and government have united. When a nation and a government unite, when the clerical strata, the university strata and other strata, when all other people are together and think alike, of course the interests of the superpowers could no longer be safeguarded. (?Such a government would no longer) come forth to say anything in favor of a superpower.

Should a single deputy, a prime minister, say a single word about the interests of the foreigners, the entire nation would stand up against him and would not allow him to do a thing. We hope that all the Islamic countries, all the Islamic realms, all the meek countries in the world will become a single society whereby from among this very society a prime minister, a president, an assembly and other persons who are in government organizations would be appointed in such a manner so as not to become vulnerable.

Apart from being beset by the United States, by the USSR, we are also beset by certain individuals who claim to be Muslims. There are certain people [words indistinct] with whom we are also beset. These people, too, accuse us of heresy. These people, too, misrepresent our words and then proceed to accuse us of heresy.

If in reality they are mistaken, they should study the matter and know what they are saying and in whose interest they are working. But if they have a particular purpose and are acting against an Islamic country, a country which is trying to create unity and amity among all the brothers--for the past 20 years we have been following this aim, that all the Islamic countries should be each other's brothers, that one not accuse the other of heresy...[Khomeyni does not complete sentence]. Those who are spreading poison like this are, unfortunately, in the guise of muftis and grand muftis. Do they not know that such actions are against Islam and are in accordance with the wishes of the superpowers? Do they not know that knowingly or unknowingly they are serving the superpowers? How is it that they withstand As-Sadat, but despite all the crimes that he has committed, we have not heard any charges of heresy by them against As-Sadat. But when we speak of imam mahdi, who is the executive power of Islam, and say that justice will be established during his time--and in their own books the same idea has been expressed that "the world will be filled with justice and equity after it has been filled with injustice and tyranny"--when we talk about this and say that the prophets were not able to carry out their aims and that in the latter days God will manifest someone who will implement the goals of the prophets, then these wretched people, in order to serve the foreigners or through ignorance, interpret my words by claiming that I have said that his holiness the mahdi purifies the religion. This is very hurtful to us. We regard his holiness the mahdi as someone who is a follower of Islam, who is a follower of the prophet of Islam; but he is a follower who is also the light of the eyes of the prophet of Islam and who implements the things which the holy prophet, may God's greetings and blessings be upon him, has said. Why should they, in Hejaz, in Kuwait and some other places interpret my words and say these things against an Islamic country which is trying to unite all the brothers together and which is trying to cut off the hands of the superpowers from Islamic countries? They are, knowingly or unknowingly, in the service of the superpowers and wish to create disunity among Muslims. Do they not know that they should not create disunity among the Muslims and that it is contrary to the explicit text of the Koran? Are they unaware or, God forbid, are they in the service of the superpowers?

We wish that in accordance with the teachings of Islam, there be no animosity among the people and the governments in all the Muslim countries and that all of them be together, that all the Muslim countries be together, and that all of them become united so that no harm may come to them. You noticed what a great power our nation defeated when it found unity. We wish the one billion Muslims throughout the world would become united like this. If they become united there will no longer be the issue of Jerusalem, the issue of Afghanistan or other issues. If the preachers and kings would let us and would not destroy our unity, we would, God willing, be victorious and the Islamic governments and Islamic countries would be victorious.

I beseech God Almighty, the all-blessed, for the greatness of Islam and Muslims and unity of expression among Muslims. Once again, I congratulate on this blessed feast all Muslims and all Islamic countries. God's greetings and blessings be upon you.

Bani-Sadr Address

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[Text] According to our correspondent's report, on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr, ambassadors of the Islamic countries met this afternoon with President Bani-Sadr and congratulated the latter on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr. During this meeting, Somalia's ambassador to Tehran, as the dean of Tehran's diplomatic corp, congratulated the president on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr on behalf of his colleagues and spoke about Iran's glorious Islamic Revolution.

Then our country's president addressed the envoys and said: We consider our Islamic Revolution part of the revolution in Islam's homeland, that is in all territories of the world's oppressed whose basis of faith is Islam. At the same time we consider our Islamic revolution part of the revolution of all mankind who seek a life of justice, wisdom and brotherhood. Mr Bani-Sadr added: Some of the Envoys complain concerning our press behavior. This press behavior is a result of the oppression that our people had to bear for a long period, and now feeling free they say or write what they think. You might see certain contradictions. This is normal in a revolution and has been seen to a great extent in other revolutions as well. Yet in our revolution [words indistinct] less felt. Nevertheless, we do not deny that these contradictions are a result of the crisis which existed before the revolution.

The president added: Outside Iran they make these difficulties look worse than they are in order to isolate our revolution. The extent of the propaganda in Islamic countries against us is more widespread. The situation has reached the stage where they openly reject us as being Muslim. I myself went today to Kashan, one of Iran's ancient cities, and visited this city's jail, talking to the prisoners, who number 100. Among them 40 had been detained on charges of local differences and disputes. You should note that in such a big city the existence of such a small number of prisoners is the result of our social climate's health. Mr Bani-Sadr added: The oppression which existed during the satanic era was extensive. At the moment this oppression has been greatly decreased.

The president said: In the Islamic lands we are today faced with hegemonist aggressions and their efforts to plunder the resources of these countries. In Jerusalem and in Afghanistan efforts to dominate people exist, and in many cases these efforts are combined with war. The president concluded: We hope to sort out our internal issues with sufficient speed and be able to support on the international scene the independence and sovereignty of Palestine, Afghanistan, and other places.

TEHRAN JERUSALEM CONFERENCE FINAL STATEMENT

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[Text] The Jerusalem liberation conference has concluded its meetings. The following final statement was issued at the conclusion of the conference:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. At the invitation of the committee for revival of Jerusalem Day, formed from among the representatives of the revolutionary Islamic establishments in Iran, the following delegations visited Iran:

1. Afghanistan: The Islamic Front for the Liberation of Afghanistan.
2. Eritrea: The Eritrean Liberation Front.
3. Jordan: A popular delegation.
4. Iran: Representatives of the revolutionary Islamic bodies.
5. Bahrain: The Islamic front for the liberation of Bahrain.
6. Pakistan: A popular delegation.
7. The Arabian Peninsula--Saudi Arabia: the Islamic revolution organization in the Arabian Peninsula.
8. Iraq: The Islamic action organization; the Islamic Ad-Da'wah Party and the Islamic revolutionary army for the liberation of Iraq.
9. Lebanon: A delegation of Lebanese ulema.
10. Palestine: The Palestine Liberation Organization.
11. Malaysia: The Islamic (Iswara) front.
12. Algeria: An official delegation.
13. Libya: An official delegation.
14. India: A popular delegation.
15. Britain: A delegation of the Islamic socities in Britain.
16. Turkey: A delegation of the National Salvation Party.
17. Oman: The Islamic organization for the liberation of Oman.
18. Sudan: A popular delegation.
19. Morocco: The Islamic revolutionary youth in Morocco.

These delegations met in Tehran from 9 to 12 August, in the Jerusalem liberation conference. At the end of the conference, they issued the following final statement:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate. God is the greatest, God is the greatest, God is the greatest. Thanks be to God and pride to God, his prophet and the faithful; curses and destruction to the abominable despotic forces; death to all corrupters and oppressors; let imperialism, Zionism and the enemies of man fall; let all entities unfaithful to heavenly values and belligerent to oppressed peoples fall. Jerusalem is the land of prophets, the source of light and the basis of man's departure to God. Jerusalem is the heart of the Islamic world, capital of Palestine and the shelter of millions. Today it is the captive of the nation's enemies, who have turned it into a base for their aggressive expansion and a center for their plots against the nation's sons, as well as a refuge for all plotters and an advanced confrontation base for U.S. imperialism.

The issue of Jerusalem is not only one of the Palestinian people or land, but also the issue of every Muslim and oppressed. Today it is the axis that polarizes the Islamic nations' attention, unifies its potentials and defines its militant march. If we do not all make up our minds to liberate Jerusalem, the enemy, who considers it his first line of defense, will not easily give it up. Here, on this land, the result of the oppressed people's battle against the oppressors will be decided. The identity of the faithful and of the hypocrites will also be determined upon it. As the momentum of the Islamic masses' revolution is escalating and approaching the decisive hour, the hegemonic superpowers are seeking to tighten their grip on the region and are intensifying their vile plots against the peoples.

The blessed escalating Palestinian struggle has not been enough to liberate the holy land. The efforts of all the nation's sons must be mobilized to liberate it through all available means, including:

A. Escalation of the armed struggle, support for the steadfastness fronts and development of combat capabilities.

B. Effective employment of the oil weapon against those who support Israel politically, financially, militarily and demographically. We recommend the gradual reduction of oil production to exert pressure on these quarters.

C. Employment of the weapon of financial assets in foreign banks.

D. Derivation of benefit from the weapon of clever information and development of efficiency in the world information media against world Zionism and international imperialism.

Islamization of the Issue

Islamization of the Palestine issue does not mean giving up some of the effective weapons with which God ordered us to be equipped when he said: Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war. [Koranic verse] Islamization of the Palestine issue also does not mean sending away the oppressed Christians or Jews who oppose the despotic Zionist entity. Islamization of the issue means the following:

I. To arouse the living Islamic values in the hearts of all of our Muslim masses, so that we may rally around the Jerusalem issue, unify their ranks and consider all difficulties as easy until Jerusalem is liberated. Our Muslim masses must pass through the following steps:

A. They must rally round the values of Islam and reject all strange values that are detached from the nation's essence, such as regionalism, racism and negative patriotism. These masses must rise to the level of human heavenly values.

B. They must invoke the spirit of hope in their hearts and be encouraged to renew themselves and their great potentials and to know that they are stronger than their enemies, if they unite and act.

C. They must launch a comprehensive enlightement campaign through comprehensive information, under the responsibility of one of the nation's sons.

D. They must challenge the corrupt status quo by use of demonstrations and shouts of God is great and create this as a palpable fact on tangible grounds.

E. They must forget personal differences and minor factions and gather around a good Islamic leadership--represented today in the leadership of Imam Khomeyni the great--and they must put forth all sacrifices for this purpose.

The awakening of the Muslim masses in this manner in every Muslim land guarantees the liberation of the land because, first of all, it means the liberation of man from the chains of domestic corruption and from the despot's web.

II. One of the conditions for the islamization of the issue is to attack the obstacles that get in they way of our masses, handicap their freedom and crush their dignity. There is no doubt that most of the regimes ruling our people are among these tenacious obstacles. The concept of waiting for a settlement of the issue through these regimes alone is rejected. Our past experiences have proven this fact. Therefore, we call for the return to the Muslim masses.

III. When the masses move and mobilize their forces, the building of the Muslim masses' military force will become both easy and fruitful, because the philosophy of martyrdom makes each of the fighters plunge into the [word indistinct] of the battle, seeking the honor of martyrdom, God's grace and the establishment of right's glory before seeking easy victory. Therefore, we recommend the establishment of Jerusalem battalions in every Muslim country, which should become a large military base for the masses marching toward Jerusalem.

IV. The enlightened Muslim masses, who are ready for every sort of sacrifice, will be reserves for the military battles and will pave the way for the holy march toward holy Jerusalem, so that blood might triumph over the sword and so that imperialism might learn that it is too small to resist the current of the marching masses. Therefore, we recommend to all that they make the idea of the holy march a matter of enlightened study and prepare a suitable atmosphere for the holy march.

We also call for the rejection of the status quo. Israel was established on the principle of making oppression a fait accompli. The acceptance of this despotic philosophy costs us the daily renewal of a corrupt status quo, which we are called on to accept or to negotiate upon. This, in turn, leads to the creation of a new fait accompli. Hence we say again that Israel must be erased from the region's map, because it is an imperialist entity.

Support of the Palestinian people: The struggle carried out by the faithful Palestinian people under the PLO must be supported politically, economically and militarily. This struggle must be given the freedom to move and to be able to depend upon the faithful masses, so that this struggling people can complete their struggle by depending upon themselves.

Unifying international information on Palestine: To enlighten the Muslim nation and to pave the way for the popularization of the struggle, the conference recommends the establishment of an international information center, with Tehran as its base. The conference recommends the formation of a committee for this purpose.

Establishing a permanent secretariat for Jerusalem: A permanent secretariat must be set up to follow up on the subjects of the conference on the liberation of Palestine. The secretariat headquarters will be in Tehran. All Muslim peoples will donate to this secretariat, particularly the Iranian struggle people and the heroic Palestinian people.

Condemning marginal differences: We condemn the marginal differences stirred up among the sons of the nation by the enemies. We call on the sons of the Muslim nation to be very alert to instigators of differences, particularly the Lebanese isolationists, who are today trying to destroy the unity of struggle between the Lebanese and Palestinian people, who remain steadfast in the trench of resistance against the oppressive Zionist expansion. We also condemn all differences among religious sects, between the faithful brothers, the Sunnis and the Shi'ites, and among others. We call for further solidarity in struggle. "And hold fast, all together, by the rope which God (stretches out for you), and be not divided among yourselves." [Koranic verse] "God will certainly aid those who aid his (causes), for verily God is full of strength, exalted in might, (able to enforce his will)." [Koranic verse]

Long live the Muslims and the oppressed of the world's unity. Down with Zionism, imperialism and agent regimes.

[Signed] Jerusalem liberation movement, Tehran, 9-12 August 1980

RAFSANJANI STRESSES MAJLES OBEDIENCE TO KHOMEYNI

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[Speech by Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, at meeting between Majles deputies and Imam Khomeyni in Jamaran on 12 August--recorded]

[Excerpt] The nature of the Majles is well known to you, Imam Khomeyni, because a large number of deputies have been students of your eminence and their faces are familiar to you from the seminaries.

Another group, which may not have directly studied under the imam, has been filled with your guidance indirectly or through the instructions given by you during the years of the struggle.

What can clearly be seen is that the Majles is a mixture of your direct and indirect students and those who have been trained by the great spirit of the imam. The least thing which can be said is that the Majles is the result of a long struggle which has been led by the imam himself. With such a characteristic the Majles is completely at the disposal of the leader and is submitted to the Koran and is ready to completely supervise the precise implementation of Islam's program. Because the Majles deputies feel that they and the Majles as a whole are indebted to the imam for the endeavours, hard work and pains which he has endured during the struggle, they are truly expecting that the relationship between the teacher and his pupils, the leader and the followers, and the source of imitation and his disciples, that is, between the imam and the Majles, will be maintained as it exists today. While there are many Islamic scholars and many revolutionary individuals in the Majles, we nevertheless continue to regard ourselves in need of guidance and we are ready to serve in the path of the implementation of the holy goals of Islam, which are the exact aspirations of the imam.

It is natural that a Majles with such characteristics cannot be without its enemies and in recent days and weeks we have seen many signs of this. The imam is so great that the enemies do not have the temerity, at least openly, to protest against him, but the Majles faces a situation in which the enemies of the revolution and the enemies of Islam may use all their forces to destroy the credibility of the Majles, as they have already attempted. They magnify small issues into big issues. They wish to make an issue out of a free Majles, whose members are very eager to fulfill their aspirations, in which there naturally are some confrontations over some problems and the use of it as a means of propaganda.

We feel that the representatives of religious minorities which exist in this Majles, even if they are not united with us in the line of Islam, are united with us in the line of revolution. Therefore, it is a united and committed Majles which is ready under any circumstances to carry out its ideology. Some examples of this are the appointment of the prime minister and the vote of confidence and the expression by the Majles of its readiness for precise supervision in the issue of the appointment of the Cabinet and the issues following the Cabinet selection. Once again, in the presence of the imam, this Majles, this Islamic Consultative Assembly, which should in reality be the interpreter and the legislative organ and the supervisor in the implementation of Islamic ideology, expresses its readiness as an organization and as one fruit of the Islamic Revolution. We beg the imam to favor us with his guidance and instruction, as before. [Shouts of "God is great"]

DETAILS ON QOTBZADEH DEFENSE BEFORE MAJLES

LD121455 [Editorial Report] Tehran KEYHAN in Persian on 9 August carries on page 16 a 4,500-word unattributed, untitled report on proceedings in the Iranian Majles on 7 August, when Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh answered questions.

First to speak was Razavi Ardakani, deputy for Sepidan, who referred to the commemoration of Jerusalem Day, the Palestinian issue, and the incitement of the Qashqa'i tribes by "leftists." Next was Mohammad Hadi Barumand, who expressed his joy at the release of the Iranian students from U.S. prison, and went on to discuss economic matters, particularly inflation. Third to speak was reportedly Deputy Mohammadi from Hamadan, who talked about the recent bombing in a mosque there.

Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh reportedly began by justifying everything that he had done as foreign minister on the grounds that Khomeyni and the Revolution Council determined what tasks he should carry out. He also enumerated advantages derived from his much-criticized attendance at various conferences. Speaking in general of the difficulties he had to face, he reportedly said:

"Over the past 8 months since I have been foreign minister I have been faced with two great international crises of vast dimensions, one being that of the hostages, which according to the world's great statesmen is one of the greatest international crises since World War II. For 8 months this heavy burden has been carried by the Foreign Ministry, and myself in particular. I listen to curses and have not uttered a word in reply. I have had this burden to bear up to the present. To this problem was added that of the Soviet crime against Afghanistan, which was and is yet another great international crisis, with the main burden falling on the shoulders of the Foreign Ministry and myself."

Qotbzadeh went on to criticize the "destructive and negative role of the media, the radio and television in particular," in the realm of foreign policy, and noted that other countries believe that Iranian radio-television broadcasts represent government views.

Qotbzadeh then justified his decision not to dismiss Iranian Ambassador to India Mojtahedi, criticized in the Majles, on the grounds that he had received excellent reports of the latter's work.

Replying to a question from Fakhreddin Hejazi, Qotbzadeh discounted as "pure lies" accusations that members of his ministry attended an Iraqi Embassy celebration in Tehran at which whisky and champaign were drunk.

Qotbzadeh then dealt with a question on the recent attempted assassination of Bakhtiar in Paris and reiterated the Iranian Government's ignorance of the plot.

On the failure of the Iranian charge d'affaires in Manila to protest against scurrilous attacks on Khomeyni in the Philippine press and media, as demanded by students there, Qotbzadeh pleaded shortage of staff at the Iranian Embassy.

The Majles reportedly went into closed session following the Qotbzadeh speech.

AHVAZ FRIDAY IMAM WARNS OF NEW COUP PLOTS

GF121745 Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian 1230 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Ahvaz Friday imam's second sermon at a prayer ceremony at Ahvaz university on 12 August]

[Text] Dear brothers and sisters, we are now at an odd historic stage. News has been received from some committed and devoted revolutionary organs in Tehran that America has attempted a new plot following the Tabas incident and the abortive coup attempt.

Responsible provincial officials, committed, struggling and compassionate clergymen and the citizens and brothers from villages and cities are present here today.

The hotter the weather becomes, the hotter, more fatal and more hellish America's treacheries and plots become.

Thousands of Muslim men and pious women have gathered here today in this promised land, the university, which obstructionists are trying to plunder. We should benefit from this gathering.

I am not acquainted with the Arabic language. Therefore, I ask the radio and television network and its correspondents to translate parts of my speech into Arabic so our Arab brothers living on the border can fathom the importance of the positions they have to hold against America and imperialism.

According to news received from revolutionary organs, America has attempted a fresh plot. Some 30,000 guerrillas have been trained in Egypt and are waiting to attack. With the help of God, its third attack will be foiled like its two previous attacks. [shouts of "Praise be to God"] The disgrace it will face will penetrate into the hearts of even the smallest families in America itself.

These 30,000 soldiers are waiting, but they must have a basic and important justification for attacking. This justification can be achieved by creating discord among the people of the country and by benefiting from internal discord. They can achieve this if we are not vigilant. They want to create discord, especially in the holy territory of Khuzestan. However, they will not succeed because we know that Torbat-e Jam will not become an American and imperialist base. Khuzestan borders Bushehr and has an 800 km coastline. The islands and puppet regimes of imperialism in the gulf border this coastline. These forces will enter Khuzestan from the water. As soon as these forces land [they will gain control] of its God-given resources. They will control the artery of the nation's life, oil.

As soon as they gain control they can begin exploiting the area. No matter how strongly Iran fights, if it has taken Khuzestan it has taken Iran. But God willing, the superpowers' plans to occupy even 1 inch of Muslim land--or if they think they can occupy it as they occupied Palestine--will be taken with them to their graves. [shouts of "God is great"]

International differences. I will not elaborate on this because you are all aware of what I mean.

The fugitive Savakists. O brave Arab tribes, brother Muslims, the great Bakhtiari tribe that is devoted to the family of the prophets, deprived tribes who are still in the farthest corners of this territory and the (?poorest) people in this country, you have one thing that supersedes all other things--faith and sincerity. The nation does not doubt your faith and sincerity. The imam and leader does not doubt your faith and sincerity.

My dear brother, the PLO representative, is here today. I had an opportunity to speak with this struggling brother for a couple of hours. We discussed a number of subjects. I asked him to give me one reason for the durability of the revolution. I asked: How does a revolution endure? He said: One reason is the mutual sincerity and faith that exist between the people and the leader. It is odd. No other nation shows so much sincerity for its leader. The leader sincerely loves his people. He cries for the oppressed and poor and persistently tries to compensate the poor and oppressed for the losses they have suffered from the oppressors.

O brave Bakhtiari tribe, brave Arab tribes. O strugglers. Imperialism wants to spread discord among the Arabs, Kurds, Turks, Lors and Bakhtiaris. During the investigation of the files of the criminal coup attempt, it was revealed that Savakists have infiltrated the Bakhtiaris and the Arab brothers living on the border. It is the duty of you Muslims to identify these individuals.

Even during the coup attempt large sums of money had been given to these people in order to provide arms or to compensate some families. Imperialism--America--is distributing money in order to spread discord, and by spreading discord to carry out a surprise attack.

If it fails to spread discord, then even if its 30,000 soldiers in Egypt are 300,000 or the 300,000 are 30 million, the army of America and its partner in Egypt will rot if you show unity under the imam's decisive leadership. [shouts of "God is great!"]

I would like to refer to an economic matter here to show you how they have diverted us. This is something that is not worthy of being brought up during 'Id prayers, but I will refer to it in order to make an example.

Yesterday, I was with the supervisors and officials of the oil industry and those individuals in charge of the army and the ground forces. Our oil wells on the border with Iraq have not been operating for 5 months. Some of them have not been operating for 17 months now. I went there. God is my witness. I cried under the hot sun. The temperature was 50 degrees. I cried for us and why we are not awake.

Twelve wells opposite [word indistinct] wells have been shut down by the Iraqi Government. The flames of these 12 wells can be seen from the ground and better yet from planes and helicopters. During the past 5 months, these 12 wells have been producing more than 1.2 million barrels of oil per day. This quantity is more than the oil which we have. I am being cautious when I say 1.2 million barrels. Their distance from our territory is sometimes 6 km and less, 25 km and less, 6 km and less. These are the distances. Our wells were and are idle. Taking the law of fluids, which says that liquids seek the same level, our territory is a little higher and more mountainous. [sentence as heard] We went to the wells. The land is lower there. Therefore, we have to sink deeper wells. At any rate, the oil that is now being extracted is oil we own equally. In other words, 600,000 barrels should be ours and 600,000 barrels theirs. But internal clashes and disorder....

Do you think the Tabas issue is the only important issue? Do you think the coup attempt is an important issue? Some 1.2 million barrels of oil per day.... This well started operating at 1100 yesterday. At 1300, its meter during 24 hours showed that during 24 hours exactly 22,000 barrels of oil had been produced, but up to 24,000 barrels can be produced. [sentence as heard] Please pay attention to the calculation I will make. Please pay attention. Some 24,000 barrels per day are equal to 6 million tumans a day. Now multiply the 24,000 by 10. This gives you 240 million barrels, or 60 million tumans. [figures as heard] Multiply by four and see how many millions they become. It is an astronomical amount. He [apparently Saddam Husayn] uses our common oil each day, and we have still not been able to operate our wells. He had the backing of the army.

The higher officials, the president and those who are in the legislature and the Islamic council met with the compassionate and dear brother clergymen and with the officials of the governorate-general, the committed and compassionate brothers and the brothers in the oil industry. Our army is now prepared to back us. The well was inaugurated yesterday and today it is an 'Id al-Fitr present being offered to the people of Khuzestan and the Iranian nation. And today a [word indistinct] for the nation's imam. And today a warning to the Iraqi Ba'th government: O criminal government, you are purchasing arms from the Soviet Union with the blood and oil of this nation. You want to help the Americans and kill our Muslim brothers in Iran and Iraq. Death unto you, O Saddam Yazid! [shouts of "By the people!"]

RADIO IRAN DESCRIBES KHOMEYNI'S SECURITY PRECAUTIONS

GF121608 (Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran 1330 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] [Words indistinct] other members of the regime and members of the Majles have been assured that following large-scale purges in the army none of them is under any threat.

The leaders of the Islamic Republic have shown that they have not taken (?Chamran's) words seriously. According to unconfirmed reports we have received, security officials move Khomeyni--who will undoubtedly be the main target of any opposition--to different locations every night due to the current uncertain atmosphere.

FVOI COMMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL, DOMESTIC ISSUES

Possible Attack on UK Embassy

GF121655 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] According to our reporter in Tehran, Mullah Hadi Ghaffari, the head of the Hezbollahi gang, along with Montazeri and his gunslingers, intends to occupy the British Embassy in Tehran according to a joint plan they devised. They intend to take the 12 British diplomats in Iran hostage and demand the release of the 67 Hezbollahis arrested in London. Khomeyni has provisionally agreed to the plan. The aim is to direct people's attention away from the grave problems in Iran.

According to our reporter, Ghaffari and Montazeri have drafted a complete plan of attack and have laid the groundwork. The demonstrations yesterday by several hundred Hezbollahi, chanting "Death to [words indistinct]" and "Death to fascism" in front of the British Embassy, were the preliminary part of the occupation plan.

French Industrialists Threatened

GF121721 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] According to our reporter in Paris, the billions of francs transferred by the Iranian regime at Khomeyni's request to Paris, for the use of [words indistinct] have gradually started to yield results. After the unsuccessful attempt on Bakhtiar's life and following the bomb explosion in the house of the bookseller who has the same name as a French [word indistinct] and who is associated with one of the Arab countries, it was discovered today that Khomeyni's terrorists have threatened the directors of five French companies, which make nuclear equipment, with death. These companies are involved in building the Oziraq, the atomic research reactor, in the Arab country that opposes Khomeyni.

The terrorists introduced themselves as members of the committee in defense of the Iranian revolution. They gave the French companies the ultimatum that should they continue to cooperate with that country their installations would be bombed and the lives of their employees placed in serious jeopardy. Khomeyni's lackeys told these companies: In the past we [words indistinct].

Execution of Army Officers

GF121650 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1550 GMT 12 Aug 80

[Text] A well-informed individual in the office of Mullah Reyshahri, the Shar' magistrate and director of the army courts of injustice, has told our reporter in Tehran:

Several hours before last Friday's government-organized Jerusalem Day march, the regime's executioners, acting on the orders of this bloodthirsty mullah, secretly executed 110 military officers for taking part in the false coup plot. The members of the firing squad were all commandos who belong to a foreign organization.

This organization has a contract with Khomeyni in which it receives $3 on any barrel of exported oil and $3,000 for each execution carried out by its firing squad.

The source added: The Khomeyni-Khalkhali regime has never revealed the real figures on the number of individuals who have been executed or killed in the internal uprising since they came to power. At least 50 persons have been executed daily in Iran since the beginning of Ramadan. They have decided that from now on, as far as possible, news of executions should not be published.

Quoting another well-informed source, our reporter says the bodies of those persons executed for their alleged part in the coup have not been released to their families. In several cases where bodies have been released, they have shown signs of torture, including broken limbs and burn marks. On one body the head had been severed and another had a cut nose, broken skull and severed intestines.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR's OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT ON COUP TRIALS

LD101107 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0950 GMT 10 Aug 80

[Text] The Central News Bureau reports that the public relations office of the revolution public prosecutor's office has announced:

Following repeated inquiries by our compatriots concerning the trial of Sa'id (?Mohseni) and his part in the [attempted] coup d'etat, this is to inform them that the noble Iranian people should bear in mind that the question of the coup d'etat is not an accidental or isolated case, and that those who are arrested might be immediately punished for their inhuman acts; rather (?the case of those arrested, like) Sa'id (?Mohseni), who was one of the main elements in the coup d'etat, (?should be managed with patience) in order to uncover a bigger (?network). And so hasty decisions ought not to be made.

Consequently, with the aim of assuring the Iranian people, it is hereby announced that the trial of oppressor has already taken place at the Revolution Court of Tehran. The result of the trial will soon be announced to the Iranian nation.

NVOI ATTACKS U.S. POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST SUDENTS

TA061818 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 6 August carried a commentary entitled: "World-Devouring America Should Be Disgraced Before World Public Opinion." It said: Once more a wave of protests against the barbarous actions of the U.S. police in respect to the Muslim students in the United States has swept our homeland. The will of the students finally forced U.S. officials to release them. By arresting the Muslim and struggling students U.S. imperialism has once again shown the true nature of Western and U.S. democracy to the people of the world. The criminal U.S. police brutally break up demonstrations by Muslim students, followers of the imam's path, while condoning demonstrations by former Savakists and criminals of the shah's regime. Progressive mankind is once more watching the treatment which U.S. imperialism accords our struggling people. The barbarous acts of the United States showed again that one should not be negligent even for one moment in the constant and decisive struggle against the archenemy.

PETROLEUM MINISTRY ESTABLISHES CONTROL COMPANY

WA120001 Tehran ETTELA'AT in Persian 4 Aug 80 p 4

[Text] A spokesman of the Ministry of Petroleum has announced that by divine grace the hands of the foreigners connected with the oil companies have been cut off and all their duties are being performed by experienced Iranian personnel. For the purpose of concentrating such duties in a single unit, expediting decision-making, and abolishing every kind of excess bureaucracy and formalities, it has been necessary to concentrate the affairs of the "IPAC", "IMINOCO", "LAPCO", SIRIP", and "SUNIRAN" oil companies into one company named the Continental Shelf Oil Company of the Islamic Republic of Iran, operating under the supervision of the Management Committee appointed by the Ministry of Petroleum.

The members of the Management Committee and the inspectors of this company are as follows:

1) Mehdi Parsi, head of the Management Committee;

2) Mohammad 'Ali Sha'bani, business manager;

3) Mohammad Reza Amin, assistant business manager and alternate member of the Management Committee;

4) Mohammad Pezhman, operations manager;

5) Mehdi Payani, services manager;

6) Farhang 'Fuhi' Yazdi, engineering and technical services manager;

7) Seyyed Esma'il Bani-Sadr, alternate member of the Management Committee;

8) Mohammad Irvani, principal inspector; and

9) Morteza Pakyari, alternate inspector.

The spokesman added that from this date the management of all affairs of the former dependent companies will be under the supervision of the new Management Committee which is empowered to take measures to register the charters of new companies, contract operations of dependent companies, create an executive organization, and to transport and transfer personnel.

JOBLESS TRUCKERS PROTEST TO PRESIDENT

WA090024 Tehran TIMES in English 21 Jul 80 p 2

[Text] Tehran--Jobless truckers congregated before the Prime Ministry office here demanding a hearing from President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr on their plight early this week.

Two officials from the presidential office came forward to speak to the truckers but they refused any discussions with them, saying they would like to meet directly with President Bani-Sadr himself to present their problems. The Persian daily BAMDAD, carrying the report yesterday, said the truckers were on the premises up to late Saturday night.

A few of the drivers interviewed are reported to have said that they had been jobless for several months now and some of them for nearly 16 months. [paragraph continues]

A spokesman for the truckers said they had made several appeals to officials to provide them with jobs but they had gone unheeded. "We have gathered here so that our grievances will now have a hearing," he said.

Another of the truckers said that they had a difficult time supporting their families with the added burden of price increases on their daily necessities and all their savings expended on them.

He said that there were nearly 1,000 trucks lying idle in various garages around Tehran which the government was not putting to use, despite the fact that there was a dearth of trucks for bringing in goods from the ports in the country to the central areas.

The government should formulate proper plans for the transport sector in the government and this will at the same time help provide jobless truckers with jobs, he said.

PARTY ORGAN CALLS GUARDS CORPS BACKBONE OF REVOLUTION

WA121223 Tehran TIMES in English 21 Jul 80 p 2

[Editorial]

[Text] The morning daily JOMHURI-E ESLAMI lead article recently pointed out that weakening of the revolutionary foundation prepares the ground for counterrevolution and the success of the revolution depends on strengthening institutions such as the revolutionary committees. Thousands of committed youths have been safeguarding the revolution day and night under the most difficult conditions and have been thwarting numerous plots of the counterrevolutionaries.

The performance of the revolutionary guards in the past seventeen months is a proof to their degree of sacrifice and is indicative of their effort to protect the revolution from any diversion. Imam Khomeyni has taken every opportunity to provide guidance for strengthening of these revolutionary organizations. The statement of the imam who once said: "In absence of the Revolutionary Guards Corps, there would have been no Iran," clarifies the status of the corps.

Personnel of the revolutionary corps are the most committed revolutionary youths, who come from poor families and they are the ones who have welcomed greatest dangers so that the banner of Islam is upheld. Plots in various parts of the country have been put down by members of the corps and they have played the greatest role in the continuation of the revolution. There is no doubt that the army has also played an important role in thwarting the plots but, at the same time, it is clear that the army has not yet been purged, said the article.

Another revolutionary institution which has done a great deal for the revolution is the reconstruction crusade, members of which have been working in the remotest parts of the country. What the crusade has achieved during a period of 10 months, the toppled regime was unable to achieve in many years. Members of the crusade have helped villagers in building homes creating public facilities and doing the harvest. However, ever since the revolution, certain people knowingly or unknowingly have attacked these self-created revolutionary bodies stated the article.

The article concluded by saying that success of the revolution depends on these revolutionary bodies and everybody should use his efforts in strengthening these organizations and if some people intend to weaken them, their faith in the revolution should be doubted.

Commenting on the recent coup conspiracy the morning daily SOBH-E AZADEGAN in an editorial said that once again the plot of imperialism and its agents in the region and Iran was thwarted with the help of God and alertness of the revolutionary guards. [paragraph continues]

However, there are some who unfortunately try to create the impression that uncovering of the coup d'etat conspiracy was done by them and they were the ones who had the initiative of action. Also efforts are being made to induce the public to believe that the coup was launched against them rather than the Islamic Republic.

This way of dealing with the issue is not the right one. It should be remembered that usually animosity of imperialism is not against a particular person and that the Islamic Republic does not rely on a single person for its existence. The Islamic Republic has been formed through the efforts of Iranian masses and the self-sacrifice of thousands of lives and still efforts of the masses is needed for its advance and survival. On the face of this fact, it is not correct to create the assumption that the plot was staged against certain individuals.

In the opinion of the newspaper, imperialism fears masses, millions of whom are united around one objective. Imperialism is fearsome of the Imam whose message takes millions of people to the streets. It also fears the students following the line of the imam who revealed its espionage activities and it fears the revolutionary organizations such as the Revolutionary Guards Corps.

In its leading article the financial daily BOURSE said that despite all efforts of imperialist industrial countries the price of oil would continue to increase. In the past several years these countries have done their best to prevent oil price hikes but now they have realized that as long as inflation exists the price of oil will follow an upward trend.

For some time the industrial world tried to blame the world inflation on oil producing countries but impartial economic experts of these same countries upon their studies have revealed that only a small part of the world inflation is created by the increase in price of oil and that the main reason behind it is the decadence of economic system of industrial countries.

The oil producing countries have repeatedly stated that the intention behind the oil price hikes is to offset the ever-increasing inflation rate, as a result of which the oil revenues have lost their purchasing power.

IRAN AIR PLANNING FLIGHTS TO USSR, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

WA121424 Tehran TIMES in English 21 Jul 80 p 2

[Text] Tehran--Iran Air can have regular flights to the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries if the government gives its consent, according to Dr Syed Esfahani, the chairman of state-owned air line.

Speaking to the official PARS NEWS AGENCY yesterday, Dr Esfahani further noted that despite difficulties in getting hold of spare parts, the maintenance standard of the Iran Air was above the current international standards.

He also said that the number of passengers travelling by Iran Air has dropped some 20 per cent in comparison with this time last year, "which of course represents the social, economic and political changes brought about by the revolution."

"The other reason is," said Esfahani, "the negative propaganda about Iran Air."

Dr Esfahani pointed out that Iran Air flights would be expanded in the near future" and if the government gives its approval we can even have regular flights to Socialist countries."

He further added that regular flights to Libya and Algeria would start in the near future.

Asked about delays faced by passengers on Iran Air flights, Esfahani replied that such delays were due to circumstances "beyond our control, since the procedures related to customs and airport officials are in the hands of the government and not us."

He said that the company was taking considerable losses since the price of tickets on domestic flights were the same as 8 years ago which was not economical "but the Revolution Council rejected our demand for an increase in the price of our tickets."

Esfahani concluded by saying that further purges would be made within Iran Air. Some 300 employees of the company have already been purged because of their connection with the former regime.

AYATOLLAH'S DAUGHTER DECRIES STONING

WA120147 Tehran TIMES in English 21 Jul 80 p 2

[Text] Tehran--Stoning of women on charges of adultry is not only a direct attack on the social position of women in Islamic society but also a good excuse in the hands of counter-revolutionaries and Islam's enemies for criticizing our revolution, says Azam Taleqani.

Chador-clad Azam Taleqani, who is presently a member of the Islamic Majles in a communique published in several Persian language dailies yesterday, warned the authorities that should such un-Islamic actions continue in future "the committed women would resort to proper actions."

Not only the late Ayatollah Taleqani but also members of his family are famous for their liberterian ideas and convictions and Azam Taleqani's recent criticism of the incident must be regarded as continuation of this liberterianism.

"Adultry," said the communique, "was a left-over from the culture of domination prevalent under the former regime."

"At a time when true Islamic values should blossom in our society we are witnessing a situation in which these values are represented to the international opinion in a topsy-turvy manner."

"Our people have the right to ask," continued the communique, "which one of the true Islamic values have been implemented in our post-revolutionary society that such un-Islamic action takes place under the name of Islam?"

"What is so disgusting here is the fact that our radio and television so easily disregard the incident, while our enemies in foreign countries use this incident as a negative point against our revolution," said the communique.

Azam Taleqani, who is also a member of the Society of Islamic Revolution Women, left for Copenhagen Saturday to attend an international conference on women.